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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the reference cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated October 01, 2001, for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3)(i), references number 6 is not in the English Language, Applicant respectfully directs examiners attention to the English language International Search Report.

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None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited

references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the

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Respectfully submitted,

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